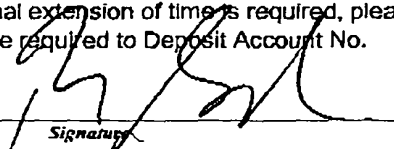
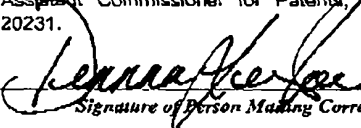


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)</b>			Docket No. 101215-63
In Re Application Of: <b>Lutz Mueller-Kuhrt, et al.</b>			
Serial No. <b>09/856,099</b>	Filing Date <b>May 17, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>Drodge</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1723</b>
Invention: <b>Apparatus and Method for the Parallel, Liquid Chromatographic Separation of Substances</b>			
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>February 21, 2003</u> in the above-identified application. <span style="display: block; text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></span>			
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><span><input type="checkbox"/> One month</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Two months</span><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Four months</span><span><input type="checkbox"/> Five months</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><span>from: <u>May 21, 2003</u> <span style="display: block; text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></span></span><span>until: <u>August 21, 2003</u> <span style="display: block; text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></span></span></div>			
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><span><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed.</span><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</span></div>			
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$465</b> and is to be paid as follows: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><span><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</span><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <b>14-1263</b> A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><span><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <b>14-1263</b> A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</span></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Signature</small></div><div style="text-align: center;">Dated: <b>August 13, 2003</b></div></div>			
cc:		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>Aug-13, 2003</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p><div style="text-align: center;"> <small>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div><div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"><b>Deanna Lee Noe</b> <small>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></div></div>	

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